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T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager.
Hongkong, September 16, 1895. 846

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PAID-UP CAPITAL £10,000,000
RESERVE FUND £10,000,000
RESERVE FUND £10,000,000

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Hongkong, February 15, 1896. 108

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1615

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

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Interest for 12 months Fixed 4%
Hongkong, October 23, 1894. 1711

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J. W. R. TAYLOR, Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, December 18, 1895. 228

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Consultation Free.
Hongkong, April 4, 1896. 928

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Hongkong, February 5, 1896. 286

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JAPAN	Verona	Noon, 23rd Feb.	Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI, N'YAKI, KORE & YAMA Formosa		About 28th Feb.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	Borneo	About 5th March	Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI	Kasai-Hind	About 9th March	Freight or Passage.
STRAITS & B'AY, Brindisi		About 12th March	Freight or Passage (calling at Colombo, if sufficient inducement offers).
LONDON	Dombay	About 20th March	Freight or Passage.

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P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, ALF. WOOLLEY, Acting Superintendent.
Hongkong, February 26, 1896. 451

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Hongkong, February 19, 1896. 389

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Hongkong, February 11, 1896. 319

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SOLE AGENTS,

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OF A VALUABLE COLLECTION OF CHINESE PORCELAIN, SILK EMBROIDERIES AND CURIOS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 29th February, 1896, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,—

(Having just received from the North),

A VALUABLE COLLECTION OF OLD CHINESE PORCELAIN AND CURIOS,

comprising:—

MANY RARE and VALUABLE SPECIMENS OF MING, KANGHI, YUNGCHING, K'UNG and other PORCELAINS in

Five Colors, Yellow, Apple Green, Blue and White, Imperial and other

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A VERY FINE LOT OF SILK EMBROIDERIES, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale. On View from Friday, the 28th February.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

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Hongkong, February 22, 1896. 444

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No. 3, WEST VILLAS.

Apply to G. C. ANDERSON.

Hongkong, December 4, 1895. 2284

TO LET.

LARKSPUR, UPPER RICHMOND ROAD.

Seven Rooms and Tennis Lawn.

Apply to Mr. L. SIMON, Banque de l'Indo-Chine.

Hongkong, November 5, 1895. 2069

TO LET.

5-ROOMED BUNGALOW "RHEDA," BONHAM ROAD.

Apply to CHINA MERCHANTS' S. N. Co., No. 22, Praya West.

Hongkong, January 25, 1896. 201

TO LET.

DWELLING HOUSES—

HOUSES in RYTON TERRACE, No. 3, ALBERT TERRACE, No. 17, LINDSAY TERRACE, No. 31, ERIK STREET, No. 6 VICTORIA VIEW, Kowloon.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, February 25, 1896. 233

TO LET.

1ST FLOOR of No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, suitable for OFFICES or DWELLING ROOMS.

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Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

Hongkong, November 20, 1895. 2223

Notices of Firms.

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

MESSRS. ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co. have this Day been appointed

AGENTS of the above Company.

1st January, 1896.

S. J. DAVID & Co., Agents, Hongkong.

WITH Reference to the above we are prepared to Accept FIRE and MARINE RISKS at Current Rates.

ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co., Sub-Agents.

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NOTICE.

I HAVE this Day ESTABLISHED myself as SHIP and GENERAL BROKER.

C. F. KARBURG.

Hongkong, February 1, 1896. 280

RALEIGH CYCLE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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A SMALL NUMBER of THE RALEIGH CYCLE Co.'s BICYCLES, Weight 65 lbs.

Orders taken for all kinds of Cycles manufactured by the above Company.

MADEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., Duddell Street.

Hongkong, February 11, 1896. 281

Intimations.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the

Offices of the Company, Pedder Street, TO-MORROW, the 27th February, at

Noon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1895, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a

Committee of Auditors. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 27th

February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, February 26, 1896. 217

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 8% per SHARE and BONUS of 4% per SHARE for the

Six Months ending 31st December, 1895, declared at the Extraordinary Meeting, will be PAYABLE at the Premises

of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, on and after WEDNESDAY, the 26th February, and SHAREHOLDERS are

requested to apply for DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the Company's Office, No. 14, Praya Central.

By Order of the Board of Directors, R. COOKE, Acting General Manager.

Hongkong, February 25, 1896. 444

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the

Society's Head Office, 4 Praya, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 14th

March, 1896, at Noon, to consider and if thought fit to pass the following Special

Resolution:—That in Article 91 the words 'Seven thousand dollars' be eliminated, and

in place thereof the words 'Twelve thousand dollars' be substituted.

Should the Resolution be duly passed it will be submitted for Confirmation to a

Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

By Order of the Board, N. J. EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 25, 1896. 449

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifth

Ordinary Annual General MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,

will be held at the Bank's Premises, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 7th day of March, at

Noon. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th day of

February to 7th day

A number of lodging-house keepers were fined from \$10 to \$15 by Mr. T. Sercombe Smith at the Magistrate's court today for not having whitewashed and kept their houses clean.

The following are the fixtures of the Hong-kong Football Club for the next few days:—To-morrow afternoon—Assoc. practice. Kick-off at 4.45 p.m.; Monday, March 2—Rugby practice; Thursday, March 5—Club v. F. Company, R.B. All members are invited to attend the two practices.

On Sunday, 9th February, a serious fire broke out in the upper portion of Bangkok, caused by a Chinese cracker. At one time several European houses were in danger, and it was mainly owing to the efforts of European residents, led by Mr. French, H.B.M. Consul, that the German Club was saved.

Snow fell at Foochow from 6 to 6 o'clock on the morning of the 10th inst., but as it was followed by rain and subsequently by a bright sun all traces of it soon vanished excepting on the hill tops. It is stated that there had been snow in Foochow only once before during the last forty years, and that was in January, 1893.

Yesterday afternoon the remains of Mr. P. R. Wilson (of Messrs Kelly and Walsh) were interred at the Happy Valley. The funeral was largely attended, upwards of 150 persons being present, including the officers and members of St. John's Lodge. The coffin was carried from the house to the mortuary chapel by the officers of St. John's Lodge, of which Mr. Wilson was the Past Senior Warden, and from the chapel to the grave. Numerous wreaths and immortelles were placed on the grave by his sorrowing friends. Mr. Wilson was one of the most popular young men in the Colony, having made himself many friends by his frankness of disposition and bonhomie. When he first came to the Colony he took considerable interest in athletic matters, and took part successfully in many cycling and swimming contests. Much sympathy is felt for his relatives at home.

The annual 64-pr. competition of the Field Battery of the Hongkong V.C. took place at Stonecutters' Island on the China New Year holiday. This year the competition was converted from an individual to a detachment competition, and the result was so satisfactory, leading to a marked improvement in gun drill, that the new arrangement will probably be adhered to. The reason that some of the detachments show so few points in drill was through losing points over small details, the referees, Captain Gordon (Adjutant) being very strict. Sergeant Wylie's detachment had undoubtedly put in the best work at drill prior to the competition, but some of his younger men got excited and by their faults of commission lost the first place. The gun-laying of Sergeant Lowrie's detachment was exceedingly good, and it was to this excellence they owed their victory. For the second year in succession, therefore, the Challenge Cup goes to Kowloon Dock. Captain McCallum's Cup goes to Sergeant Lowrie, as senior of the detachment, and each man under his command will wear the Corps stars. The following were the scorers:—

	Points.	Shoot.	Time	Total
DETACHMENTS.		Drill.	Drill.	Points.
Sergt. J. Lowrie	180	120	300	
" W. E. Wylie	140	140	280	
" R. F. Lamont	100	185	285	
" J. Brimmer	90	190	280	
" D. MacDonald	30	180	210	
" G. C. Hayward	70	50	120	

We have already mentioned the approaching performances by the Musin Company. It is unnecessary to say anything in the way of praise of Monte Ordis Musin, as it was of Chatterbox de Koutski, because the Belgian virtuoso has a world-wide reputation, and to sound his praises would be merely to attempt the impossible task of painting the lily. Since leaving America, on the present tour, the Company has had an appreciative reception wherever it appeared, and had the honour of appearing before the Emperor of Japan. We take the following paragraph from a Yokohama contemporary:—At one o'clock to-day a Court carriage will call at the Hotel Metropole, Tokio, to carry Mr. and Mrs. Musin and Mr. Edward Schmitt to the Imperial Palace, they having been called by His Majesty the Emperor to appear before His Majesty and give a grand concert. We are much pleased to know that Musin has been so highly honoured, for his company are not only the greatest musicians who have ever visited Japan, but it gives great pleasure to the foreign community to see the Emperor of Japan recognize first-class artists when they are passing through his domain. We believe Musin is the first one who has been so honoured for many years. The officials who heard him in Tokio were so pleased with the wonderful talent displayed that, on his being reported to His Majesty the Emperor, Musin was commanded to appear at the Palace. This will be an honour much appreciated by Mr. Musin, as he has appeared before the late Wilhelm I. of Germany, Alexander III. of Russia, and many others, and been decorated by them with several orders.

W. Robinson & Co. have 100 Pianos for Hire on Monthly Payments, also Pianos returned from Hire cheap.

The ponies are busy training for the Foochow Race meeting, which takes place on the 17th, 18th and 19th March.

The U.S.S. *Detroit*, which arrived at Shanghai on the 20th inst., made the passage from Nagasaki in twenty-six hours, which is a record run.

The German cruiser *Arcona* and *Kormoran* left Amoy for Foochow on the 21st February, and the Japanese cruiser *Yushikida* (Capt. Matsunaga) left for Formosa.

At the Sanitary Board meeting to-morrow, the President will move:—That the Sanitary Board, under the provisions of bye-law No. 22 made under Ordinance 16 of 1894, authorize the Medical Officer of Health and his Staff to make a house-to-house visitation within that portion of the City of Victoria bounded on the North by the Praya, on the South by the Cairns and Bonham Roads, on the East by Wyndham Street, and on the West by the western boundaries of Marine Lot No. 184 and Inland Lot No. 833, for the purposes stated in the bye-law referred to.

His numerous Hongkong friends of Mr. J. H. V. Lobley, late purser of the *Empress of Japan*, will be interested to learn that when he left Vancouver by the C. P. R. express en route for England nearly the whole of the ship's company were at the station, as also a number of citizens to wish God speed to a popular shipmate and an esteemed fellow-citizen. Mr. Lobley (says a Vancouver journal) is followed by the hearty good wishes of numerous friends, and the warm manner in which he is cheered as the train pulled out testified to the popularity and esteem in which he is held by them.

An inquiry was held by Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, at the Magistrate's court this afternoon, into the circumstances attending the death of the man whose body was found on the hillside at Wong-nai-chong on Sunday. The remains have been identified as those of a broker who lived at 136 Circular Roadway. It was stated he left there on the 4th January and said he was going to Wong-nai-chong. His landlord asked him for his rent, and he said he was going to collect money. The man was in a half-starved condition. A letter was found on the body written in Chinese, dated 8th February, but its contents throw no light on how the man came to be there. The inquiry was adjourned till Saturday.

The usual sale of ponies which follows upon the Race Meeting was held yesterday afternoon, when Mr. T. F. Hough disposed of sixty-nine ponies by auction in front of the City Hall. Most of the ponies had competed at the Race Meeting. The bidding for *Ambitious* ran up from \$100 to \$800, and as no further advance was made he was withdrawn. Mr. Landale became possessor of *Sleepy Jim* at \$150; Mr. Marry, *Herold* at \$135, and *Morrison* bought in by Major Thomas for \$155. *Albany* brought in \$140 from Mr. Landale, who also purchased *Variation* for \$130. *Vagabond* was sold to Mr. Gresson for \$150, *Vivian* 11, to Mr. Gedge for \$165. The price paid by Mr. Landale for *Nigger* was \$125; and Mr. Whitehead secured *Kingscott* for \$180. *Bluebell* went to Mr. Druekshank for \$200. Amongst the other prices obtained were:—*True*, for \$125, to Captain Barrie; *Banana*, for \$145, and *Speedwell*, \$130, to Mr. Landale; *Grey Leg*, \$125, Son of a Gun, \$115, *Canary*, \$165, *Beauque*, \$120, to Mr. Kennedy; *Komites*, to Captain Radcliffe, for \$100; *Conard*, \$120, and *Bardner* \$130, to Mr. Cumming; *Paradox*, \$105, and *Dumore*, \$115, to Mr. Gresson; *Monte Carlo*, \$100, and *Dragon*, \$170, to Mr. Marry.

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A Police constable patrolling his beat this morning at four o'clock discovered smoke issuing from the first floor of No. 308 Queen's Road Central. He at once gave the alarm, and the Fire brigade, under Captain Hastings and Mr. Baddale, quickly arrived on the spot from No. 5 Station. The fire quickly spread, and the whole building was soon enveloped in flames. The Brigade busied themselves firing the hydrants to the street mains, but when these were fixed it was discovered there was no water. The fire by this time had spread to No. 311. Salt water was then brought into requisition, and the fire was soon extinguished. About six o'clock, just as day was breaking, the roof of the building where the fire originated fell in with a loud crash. Many were entertained for the safety of several of the brigade who were in the ground floor, but on the roof being called none of the members were missing. One of the fire inmates of the first floor of No. 300 stated at the Police Station this morning that they were awakened by the cry of fire, but the suspicious circumstance about the case is that the policeman did not see him leave the building. He then stated he ran up the stairs, but the inmates of the upper story deny that he came up there. It is supposed there was no person in the second floor. The first floor is insured with the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, in two policies of \$5,000 each. The ground floor was occupied by a broker and is insured with *Schiffel* & Company for \$2,400, and also in the *Meiji* Fire Insurance Company for \$2,000. The top floor of No. 311 is occupied by a dentist and is not insured. Damage was done with water only to the ground and first floors of No. 311.

Three boys' quarters attached to some of the houses in Kowloon have been invaded by sneaking thieves during the last few days. One day last week a number of school-boys observed a thief making off with some articles from a cooler's quarters, and they gave chase and succeeded in capturing him. The boys hung on to his queue until the cooler whose articles had been stolen came up, and then handed him over to his care. The following day the thief was brought up at the Magistrate, and sent to gaol.

The U. S. S. *Concord* left Nagasaki for Yokohama homeward bound on the 20th inst., being well cheered by the other American vessels as she left port.

The Oakea Steamship Company has decided to augment its capital by 3 millions yen, so as to purchase three new steamers for the service to Formosa. An officer of the Company has already sailed for England to procure ships.

The American mail steamer *Coptic* encountered westerly winds and high seas after leaving Honolulu, and her passage from San Francisco to Yokohama took 19 days 11 hours and 4 minutes. Mr. Sealy, the late chief officer, is now in command, vice Captain Lindsey, who has gone to England on leave.

During the year 1895 no less than 160 different men-of-war of all nationalities visited Nagasaki. Of course the number of men-of-war was not much greater, some of them coming here as many as five or six times during the twelve months. And large as these numbers are, those of this year give every indication of being larger, the large increase in the Far Eastern fleets of the Powers and disturbed state of the political atmosphere being the prime factors in bringing this about. —*Nagasaki Express*.

General Richard Lawrence, the last of the few Lawrence brothers who distinguished themselves in India, has died at Biarritz, says a London telegram of Jan. 24th. General Lawrence was the son of 12 children, whose father was Colonel Alexander Lawrence. Three children were born in Ireland, the family being Irish Protestants. Lord Lawrence, the famous Viceroy and Governor-General of India, Sir George St. Patrick Lawrence, and Sir Henry Lawrence, all greatly distinguished in India, were his brothers.

At the annual meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association, an important change in the rules of lawn tennis will be submitted for the consideration of the members of the association, appointed to consider the question of balls which in a rally touch the net, report as follows:—We have sent out circulars to the chief associations, clubs, and players, and do find from our investigation of those that have been filled in and brought to 27 are in favour of the law remaining as it is, and that 44 are in favour of the ball which touches the net, passes over it, and remains in play, being reckoned a let, and the rest being replayed, whether the ball be returned after touching the net or not. In spite of these figures, we do not for discussion and decision at the next general meeting. —*Horne paper*.

The following paragraph is taken from the *San Francisco Chronicle* of the 27th January:—Rev. Dr. McCarthy, who, since 1886, has been a missionary in the interior of China, spoke last evening at the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Dr. Dille having gone to Sacramento to address the Young Women's Christian Association, and admit that he is not a missionary, but a dark picture of the Mongol's moral and spiritual condition, declaring that it was as black as the night world itself, and as black as sin could make it. It would be a real work of grace, he thought, if the Chinese would give up his ancestral worship, which was idolatry of the rank and kind, and have a bar to every advancement in China. More cured than idolatry and superstition, and the greatest obstacle to the spread of the gospel, was the opium habit, which England had forced on the country, despite the protest of the people and their Emperor. [Good cheer.] He might have said more than twenty-nine years than that. —*En. C.M.*

RACHALS and Brinsmead's Pianos have no rival for tone, strength and appearance. —W. Robinson & Co.

REUTERS'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLEMENT TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]

RUSSIA AND COREA.
It is declared in St. Petersburg that Russia does not intend to occupy Corea, but that she is entitled to guarantee its complete autonomy.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH SIAM TREATY.
In a discussion in the French Chamber, M. Barthelot said that the negotiations had been conducted in a spirit of conciliation, and that he hoped the same spirit would lead to an arrangement of other questions between Great Britain and France.

REFORM IN THE TRANSVAAL.
London, Feb. 24. President Kruger has published draft bills creating a town council for Johannesburg and permitting the teaching of English in the schools. The trial of the Reform Committee has begun in Pretoria.

ENGLAND AND FRANCE ON THE NIGER.
London, Feb. 25. The Anglo-French Niger Commission have begun sitting in Paris. It is believed that the deliberations will be extended to other pending questions between England and France in West Africa.

GRUMPY ENGLAND.—Grump (testily): 'Surely you don't mean to call that a dish of ham and eggs?' Walter: 'Sure, that's all I can call it, at all, at all. O, don't understand how to make any foreign language.'

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.
(Before His Hon. W. M. Goolden, Acting Chief Justice.)
Wednesday, February 26.

THE CANTON INSURANCE COMPANY V. G. L. N. COXON AND OTHERS.
This was a decree for foreclosure. On the 24th of August, 1892, Mr. George Coxon borrowed three sums of money on mortgage. The first mortgage he gave to the Canton Insurance Company, Limited, for \$20,000. He then granted a second mortgage subject to the first, to another party for \$10,000, and on the same day granted a third mortgage subject to the first and second for \$8,000. Notice was given by the Company to pay up. Default was made, and then the Company endeavored to sell off at the reserve price of \$20,000. Nothing, however, was produced at the sale.

Mr. H. E. Pollock, instructed by Mr. E. C. Ellis, appeared for the plaintiffs. The defendants did not appear. His Lordship made an order for decree for foreclosure.

THE CRISIS IN COREA.

The *Nichi Nichi Shinbun* prints the following Korean telegrams:—

Soul, Feb. 14. The King is still at the Russian Legation, but will probably remove to Chong-dong, where preparations are being made to that end.

The Royal Guards, who received the Royal order to return to Seoul, are entertaining feuds, and none have yet left for the capital.

The Russian ship *Bobr* left Nisnon on the 18th inst. for Chongju. Great uneasiness prevails in the Japanese Settlement at Chongju. Disorderly Korean residents are likely to attack the place, and all Japanese residents have abandoned business, and are effecting measures to withstand an attack.

Eighteen British marines left here for Seoul on the 12th inst. with sixteen pack-horses. One U. S. officer and twenty-four men proceeded to the capital this same day with 17 horses.

Two Russian officers left here for Seoul to-day with surveying machinery.

The *Choo Shinbun* has the following:—

Seoul, February 16. The Japanese Minister-Resident has called on the Russian Minister and stated that it is undesirable that collisions between the guards and residents of both countries should occur at this juncture, attention should be paid by each to avoid such occurrences. The Russian Minister at once offered assurances to that end.

The King and Queen, Prince will return to the capital this day.

Rumour has it that Ming Ei-chun will be appointed Premier.

The *Jiji Shimpo* states that the new Korean Government dispatched yesterday the following telegram to the Korean Minister in Tokyo, who is expected to return to the Japanese Department to report the matter:—Although a new Cabinet has been established, progressive principles will remain unchanged, and friendly relations with Japan will undergo no change. Intimate this to the Japanese Government.

The British cruiser *Zamboni* left Nagasaki on the 16th inst. carrying a guard of marines, under command of Lieutenant Bragg, for the protection of the British Legation at Seoul.

At the present time there are in Seoul upwards of 400 foreign troops—Russian, British, American, and probably some Germans.

NEWS BY THE CANADIAN MAIL.

THE SILVER BILL.
Washington, Feb. 1.—The long contest over the silver bill is at an end in the Senate, that body having to-day passed the Free Silver Coinage substitute to the House Bond Bill by the decisive vote of 42 to 35, a majority of 7 for free silver.

This result was reached at 10 o'clock to-day, after a day of most intense and bitter parliamentary fighting. The public interest in the culmination of the protracted struggle was shown by the crowded galleries and a full attendance of the floor. 77 Senators being present and the others paired.

THE ARMENIAN QUESTION.—FAILURE OF BRITISH DIPLOMACY.
London, Feb. 1.—The *St. James's Gazette* announces that it has learned that the Government has decided to give up the attempt to secure a treaty for the Armenians, and the programme for the work of the session.

The proposals of the Government, the *Gazette* adds, will deal with four groups of subjects, namely, the defence and increase of the navy, measures for the relief of husbandry, Irish land legislation, and the question of the support of voluntary institutions. It says that the Government will, however, there will be a discussion of the foreign and colonial policy of the Government, especially regarding Transvaal, Venezuela, and Armenia. The latter portion of the debate promises to provide most interesting reading, in view of the admission of Great Britain's weakness in which the Marquis of Salisbury yesterday evening, and which, it is claimed, show that there has been a complete failure of British diplomacy.

The *St. James's Gazette*, (and for that matter, all the other newspapers) dwell upon the gravity of the statement by the Premier, and admit that it is a serious blow to the efforts of the Turkish Empire has resulted in a fiasco. The paper says: 'Armenia was the Marquis of Salisbury's first failure, and it is a serious one. The failure is chiefly Lord Rosebery's and Lord Kimberley's, but the Marquis of Salisbury is also responsible. If he had not retired from the position of his predecessor, five months ago, the Armenian massacres would have been avoided, and yesterday's humiliating confession of failure and impotence would not have been needed.'

rumored resignation of the Ministers as the outcome of disunion over the naval costs of the Empire. The *Vossische Zeitung* says that the retirement of Dr. Von Bötticher, Secretary of State for the Interior, is a certainty and that he will be succeeded by Herr Von Puttkamer. Dr. Von Bötticher spoke at length on the Reichstag yesterday. It is also reported that Vice-Admiral Hollmann, Secretary of State for the Navy, has resigned. The Berlin correspondent of the *Standard* says that if the latter report be true, it may be regarded as an indication that it has been decided to build several swift cruisers. The Berlin correspondent of the *Times*, noticing these rumors, says: 'Where everything depends on one over-riding will, the exercise of which is not subjected to any known laws, it is useless to attempt to forecast the future.'

MR. MORLEY ON THE MONROE DOCTRINE.
London, Feb. 30.—Mr. John Morley, speaking at a meeting of the Chamberlain Club, blundered in questioning the Monroe doctrine, to which America is strenuously attached. He added that if over there was a case for arbitration it was the Venezuela boundary dispute.

ATTEMPT ON THE KING OF PORTUGAL'S LIFE.
Lisbon, Jan. 30.—While King Charles was returning to the palace to-day after a drive in an open carriage, accompanied by an aide-de-camp, an Anarchist workman threw a stone at His Majesty. The missile, however, hit the aide-de-camp, who jumped from the carriage and seized and held the Anarchist, until the latter was arrested. When the Anarchist was removed, shouting cheers for social revolution.

AN IMPORTANT SPEECH BY MR. CHAMBERLAIN.
London, Jan. 26.—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain referred in Birmingham last night, to the Venezuela matter. 'President Cleveland, whose acquaintance I have the honor to possess,' said Mr. Chamberlain, 'in conducting his relations with America, has shown a high regard for rectitude and honorable dealing. He is incapable of the wickedness of inciting two kindred nations to strife and bloodshed.'

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

THE DEATH OF LORD LEIGHTON.
London, Jan. 25.—Lord Leighton, better known as Sir Frederick Leighton, president of the Royal Academy, died this afternoon, aged 65. He suffered from a chill this morning, followed by a severe attack of the heart, which he recovered. He died in great agony. Leighton's health had been precarious for some time. Last summer, when he was in Algeria, a report came that he was dying, but he recovered. He had been suffering for a long time from an affection of the heart. On Monday he caught cold and was confined to his house. This morning he awoke with a violent chill, greatly aggravating the heart trouble. Grave symptoms appeared and he suffered great agony during the afternoon. In spite of frequent paroxysms of pain, however, he retained his senses until almost the last moment. The deathbed scene was extremely touching. At intervals strong doses of chloroform were given the dying man in order to soothe the severe pain he was enduring, and as the end came he lifted up his right hand and with difficulty exclaimed, 'My love to the Academy.' A few moments later he expired in great agony. The funeral will be under the auspices of the Royal Academy.

RUSSIA NOW MASTER OF THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.
London, January 25.—The information in the Constantinople dispatch to the *Pall Mall Gazette* regarding a Russo-Turkish alliance is confirmed to-day from an excellent source, a letter from the Speaker's correspondent at Constantinople, in which the writer declares that the Russo-Turkish treaty is an actual fact, although it does not exist on paper. The correspondent adds: 'Russia is absolute master of the situation and it is believed here that the enormous "backwash" sent by the Sultan to the Czar, valued at \$25,000,000 and including one of the most famous jewels in the Imperial collection, is the price of a treaty of alliance by which Russia guarantees the integrity of the Ottoman Empire and agrees to assist in the restoration of order in Kurdistan and also in the defence of the Dardanelles. France follows Russia as a blind man follows his dog. France was the first to denounce the treaty of Berlin, and now she is the most despicable ally of Russia. She is trying to win favor with Russia by out-Herding Herod. The outcome of the Armenian difficulty has been the triumph of Russia and the humiliation of Great Britain.' The English newspapers generally accept this view of the defeat of their diplomacy. The *Chronicle*, almost alone, views the situation with complacency, and thinks it ought to lead to a complete entente between Russia and Great Britain on the whole Asiatic question, including Egypt. Abroad the report has caused a great deal of anxiety. The *Standard's* Vienna correspondent admits that the general impression there is that some sort of alliance between Russia and Turkey actually exists. The *Neue Freie Presse* of Vienna says: 'There is no doubt Russia has exercised strong influence at Constantinople, but Europe can scarcely abandon its interests in Turkey in favor of a single power.'

'Furthermore, if it means anything, it is all in favour of the position taken up by Lord Salisbury. —*En. C.M.*'

CRASH AT A CHINESE DIPLOMAT'S RESIDENCE.
New York, January 25.—Mrs. Yang Yu, wife of the Chinese Minister, was at home to her friends yesterday from 3 to 6 o'clock, and if she had known beforehand she had so many friends in Washington she would probably have been out. Notice of her relations was, unfortunately, published in the morning papers, and the result was that the doors expected anything known to Washington society for years. At 3 o'clock the barbed door was opened and the crowd rushed in like a torrent. There were fashionable women, and those less so, country Congressmen and their wives, and all sorts of people, and a great number of those who know that in Washington to introduce to a new acquaintance is to introduce to a new acquaintance. The Minister and his wife have not since repeated their effort to give an evening party. Their attempt at an afternoon at home seems to be equally disastrous.

A NEW PLAY.
London, Jan. 25.—The recent sitting political events have been reduced to a drama by the meeting drama the

houses presenting such plays have been doing an extremely large business. Lieutenant Stewart Gordon, R.N., has collaborated with Leonard Outram in the preparation of 'True Blue,' a nautical drama, which will be produced at the Olympia under the management of Sir Augustus Harris, who ever 'Cheer, Boys, Cheer,' shows signs of waning popularity. The new play is replete with stirring events and will illustrate in a forcible manner what actual life is on board a man-of-war.

THE DEATH OF PRINCE HENRY.
London, Jan. 25.—The telegram received from Osborne since the news of the death of Prince Henry was being considered. The Chancellor replied that he was not in a position to give any information now, but he hoped to be able to state shortly the attitude of the federal governments relative to the resolution adopted by the Reichstag in February last. Count von Kottow said the Imperial party would await the statement, but would increase its endeavors to bring the currency question still more to the foreground in the future, especially since the Government had unaccountably rejected Count von Kottow's proposal. The resolution referred to was the motion of Count von Kottow, the Austrian leader, which was adopted on February 18, 1895, summoning another international conference on the currency question, and instructing the Federal Government to issue invitations for an international monetary congress to take action for the rehabilitation of silver as a circulating medium.

THE VENEZUELA DISPUTE.
London, Jan. 25.—Mr. W. Stanley, correspondent of the *London Times*, called from Washington to his paper to-day as follows: The full force of the English objection to the Venezuelan Commission has never, I think, been appreciated here. Americans are surprised when they are told that English recognition of the Commission is impossible. They hardly understand why they should be warned by a London evening paper that an American claim to determine the British boundary is one which could only be conceded after defeat in a long war, and that if such a demand were made by any other power it would be met by the British Ambassador, his passport, and mobilizing a fleet. Such language does not clarify the vision of the Americans. It simply creates irritation and resentment. Justice Brewer's letter is discussed here as if it embodied a perfectly natural appeal for the friendly operation of English influence in the work of the Commission. That is also the view of the Administration. Smalley suggests that in view of a sincere desire in Washington to see the full text of the British case, that Lord Salisbury publish the documents as a supplement to the *London Gazette*.

NEW YORK, JANUARY 23.—The *World's* cable from Caracas, Venezuela, says: Michael McCurt, the head magistrate of British Guiana, who has been identified for years with the usurpation of Venezuelan territory, has been relieved of his judicial duties in order that he may command an expedition charged with going forward to the length of the Guyana river lying in the disputed territory. This news has caused a great stir here. *El Liberal*, in a leading editorial, calls the attention of the Government to the military preparations on the Guiana frontier, which, although Lord Salisbury denies it, are actively going forward. He says that the facts are being repaired and the militia is being drilled in the method of handling the new heavy guns. In the name of the people of Venezuela the Government is asked to fortify Amouzo, Carapaez and Cuyuni, on the frontier, in order to be ready for war if arbitration fails. The most effective means of increasing the military strength would be to unite the country, it is argued, and command the respect of President Orozco's bitterest enemies. The English plan is believed to be to fortify the disputed territory while the American Commission is investigating, and if its report is in favor of Britain to be prepared to hold it forcibly. Dr. President Guzman Blanco denies that there is a conspiracy against Venezuela. He pronounces the story of it the work of enemies at a time when all Venezuelans use their support to President Crespo against a common enemy.

CLEVELAND'S SYMPATHY WITH THE QUEEN.
London, Jan. 24.—Ambassador Bayard to-day sent Queen Victoria a message from President Cleveland, expressing sincere sympathy with her Majesty on the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg.

HONOR ROLANDS FOR REMEMBRANCE.
Berlin, January 24.—Emperor William has appointed Prince Bismarck a Knight of the Order Pour le Merite in Science and Art, with voting power.

SLAUGHTER OF ARMENIANS.
London, January 24.—A Constantinople dispatch to the *Chronicle* says that letters received there from Arabek report that 2000 Armenians were killed in the recent riot, the slaughter being mostly done with axes.

COBA'S GREAT BLEEDING DYING.
Havana, January 24.—For some time past reports have been in circulation here concerning the physical condition of General Maximo Gomez, commander-in-chief of the insurgent forces. One story was that he was suffering from wounds and that he was seriously ill with fever. It appears from information derived from trustworthy sources that neither of these reports is correct, but it is positively asserted that the insurgent chief is a very sick man. It is stated upon authority that the doctors in attendance upon General Gomez recently held a consultation and diagnosed his case as being an advanced stage of consumption, complicated with fever. It is further stated that the physicians have come to the conclusion that Gomez can live only about two months longer. These statements have caused considerable alarm among the insurgents and their friends, as, even though his condition may be exaggerated to some degree, it is believed the main facts are correct.

A NOTABLE WEDDING.
London, January 23.—Henry Charles Sumner Augustus Somerset, son of Lady Henry Somerset, president of the British Women's Temperance Union, married to-day at St. Peter's Church, Eaton square, to Lady Catherine Darnley Beaudclaire, daughter of the Duke of St. Albans.

A LONG OCEAN RACE.
New York, January 23.—The *Chin* ship *Clarence S. Bennett*, (Captain Francis) and *William Connor*, (Captain Pendleton) crossed the bar together last night outward bound. The *John Currier*, (Captain Lawrence), and the *Joseph*, (Captain Gilkey) left later for the same port. Shanghai. The ship that first reaches her destination will win a prize of \$400, which the captains have made up.

NOW ONE OF THE IMMORTALS.
Paris, January 23.—Anatole France, the author, has been elected to the Academy.

BRITAINS AND VENEZUELA.
London, January 24.—The *Chronicle* understands that Sir Frederick Pollock, Corpus professor of jurisprudence at the University of Oxford, has been entrusted with the compiling of the British case in its legal aspect at the Venezuelan boundary dispute. He is to deliver an address at Harvard University. 'We are sure,' says the

Chronicle, 'that Lord Salisbury and Mr. Chamberlain will put no obstacles in the way of a Venezuelan settlement.' The Berlin correspondent of the *Telegraph* says he is assured on good authority that the dispute will be settled directly between England and Venezuela.

THE SILVER QUESTION.
Berlin, Jan. 25.—The Reichstag to-day Dr. Theodor Barth, Radical Unionist, asked the Chancellor, Prince von Hohenlohe, if the Government could make a statement regarding the plan for summoning an international monetary conference, which the governments have been considering. The Chancellor replied that he was not in a position to give any information now, but he hoped to be able to state shortly the attitude of the federal governments relative to the resolution adopted by the Reichstag in February last. Count von Kottow said the Imperial party would await the statement, but would increase its endeavors to bring the currency question still more to the foreground in the future, especially since the Government had unaccountably rejected Count von Kottow's proposal. The resolution referred to was the motion of Count von Kottow, the Austrian leader, which was adopted on February 18, 1895, summoning another international conference on the currency question, and instructing the Federal Government to issue invitations for an international monetary congress to take action for the rehabilitation of silver as a circulating medium.

WASHINGTON, JANUARY 23.—The Republican silver Senators to-day signed a declaration which is intended to be used in the coming campaign as the demand which the silver men will make for a plank in the National Convention. In the preamble it is recited that the present financial system endangers the industrial prosperity of the United States, which is threatened by China and Japan as a result of the decrease in the value of silver and the difference of exchange between silver and gold using countries. It is, therefore, resolved that the signers favor the free and unlimited use of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, for the purpose of obliterating this difference of exchange, which is declared to operate as a bounty on the export of products from silver-using countries to gold-using countries. It is also resolved that they favor a tariff which shall equalize the difference in the cost of labor between the countries and the countries of Europe and Asia. It is the purpose of those who are circulating the declaration to get all the Republican silver men in Congress to sign it.

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Inclusive of late arrivals and departures reported today.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore B., and those in the body of the Harbour C. or D. in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

- Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
 2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
 3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Paddar's Wharf.
 6. From Paddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
 7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
 8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
 9. From East Point to Kowloon Island to North Point.
 10. Kowloon Wharves.
 11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Flag.	Reg.	Tonn.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.							
Africa	Brit.	str.	2356	Feb. 19.	O. & S. S. Co.		
Africa	Brit.	str.	2313	Feb. 26.	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Arcton	Brit.	str.	1392	Feb. 26.	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.		
Askani	Brit.	str.	591	Feb. 23.	A. R. Mary		
Bendish	Brit.	str.	1968	Feb. 24.	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Bombay	Brit.	str.	1331	Jan. 11.	D. & W. Carrill & Co.		
Boynton	Brit.	str.	1832	Feb. 26.	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha		
Bygon	Brit.	str.	771	Feb. 25.	Wilder & Co.		
Canton	Brit.	str.	1504	Feb. 19.	Louis, Wagoner & Co.		
Canton	Brit.	str.	1228	Feb. 23.	Butterfield & Swire		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	1057	Dec. 24.	Yuen Fat Hong		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	2741	Feb. 26.	O. & S. S. Co.		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	2816	Feb. 26.	Butterfield & Swire		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	956	Feb. 24.	Stimson & Co.		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	3093	Feb. 26.	Canadian Pacific Railway Co.		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	966	Feb. 24.	Shewan & Co.		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	1570	Jan. 22.	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	2615	Feb. 26.	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	339	Jan. 24.	A. R. Mary		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	1183	Feb. 26.	Douglas Steamship Co.		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	1038	Feb. 26.	Matheson & Co.		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	623	Feb. 26.	Matheson & Co.		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	1168	Feb. 26.	Butterfield & Swire		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	1114	Feb. 26.	Yuen Fat Hong		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	807	Dec. 13.	Yuen Fat Hong		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	1039	Feb. 26.	Butterfield & Swire		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	1054	Feb. 26.	Butterfield & Swire		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	918	Feb. 26.	Butterfield & Swire		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	1149	Feb. 26.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	893	Jan. 23.	Douglas Steamship Co.		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	1052	Feb. 26.	Butterfield & Swire		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	1787	Jan. 20.	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	962	Feb. 26.	Stimson & Co.		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	1011	Feb. 26.	Butterfield & Swire		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	3284	Feb. 26.	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	1700	Feb. 26.	Bradley & Co.		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	1267	Feb. 26.	Bradley & Co.		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	1698	Jan. 20.	Dodwell, Carrill & Co.		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	1351	Feb. 26.	Chow Hai		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	630	Feb. 26.	7 A. R. Mary		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	862	Feb. 26.	Yuen Fat Hong		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	828	Feb. 26.	Matheson & Co.		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	418	Feb. 26.	Douglas Steamship Co.		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	1060	Feb. 26.	Chow Hai		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	1590	Feb. 26.	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	217	Feb. 26.	Chow Hai		
Chow Hai	Brit.	str.	1015	Feb. 26.	Louis, Wagoner & Co.		
Sailing Vessels.							
Alster	Ger.	brig.	80	Jan. 29.	Stimson & Co.		
Brodick Castle	Brit.	str.	1845	Jan. 12.	Stimson & Co.		
Ceres	Brit.	str.	871	Jan. 30.	Stimson & Co.		
Coloma	Amer.	bgs.	852	Jan. 6.	Captain A. C. Galloway		
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Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Flag.	Tonn.	Guns.	L.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Abouk	Brit.	1700	21	7000	Captain Robert L. Groomer	Singapore
Abouk	Brit.	1700	21	7000	Commander F. G. De Lisle	K'loon Dock
Abouk	Brit.	1700	21	7000	Comd. C. E. Kingsmill	Canton
Abouk	Brit.	1700	21	7000	Comd. C. E. Kingsmill	Canton
Abouk	Brit.	1700	21	7000	Comd. C. E. Kingsmill	Canton
Abouk	Brit.	1700	21	7000	Comd. C. E. Kingsmill	Canton
Abouk	Brit.	1700	21	7000	Comd. C. E. Kingsmill	Canton
Abouk	Brit.	1700	21	7000	Comd. C. E. Kingsmill	Canton
Abouk	Brit.	1700	21	7000	Comd. C. E. Kingsmill	Canton
Abouk	Brit.	1700	21	7000	Comd. C. E. Kingsmill	Canton

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag.	Tonn.	Guns.	L.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Admiral Kuroki	Russian	4900	32	6000	Captain Etchanchoff	Kobe
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Mining.—The very best attention has been given to all work coming under this head, and I am pleased to say a fair amount of work has been got through. Our prospects continue to look encouraging, notwithstanding the fact that the ore won has been of rather low grade.

August Shaft 200 ft. Level.—There is really no change to report at any of the points being operated on here. The north drive on Gillies' Reef is still in very broken ground and letting out water freely. A crosscut has now been started to go out East to see if the payable ore is in that direction. The course of ore we had passed through, and referred to in my last report as being about 5 ft. wide, has been driven on and proved not to belong to the main East and West reef. It is simply a hanging or intrusive piece of reef having no defined trend or dip. We have now begun a crosscut north to see if we can pick up the continuation of our East and West reef in that direction. I may remark here that this crosscut is west of the 'slide' which cut off this reef as it was followed west. We have succeeded in finding payable ore to the west of the 'slide' in the upper workings, and I am no reason why we should not do so here.

Intermediate Level.—All points at work here continued to maintain their average output of ore, and I am pleased to say the quality seemed to improve somewhat at the latter end of the month. The western chute of ore on the E. and W. reef shows fairly well, and I can now see a large reserve of ore for the mill at and above this level.

Now Leader.—Most of the points operated on here are yielding ore for the mill and from all appearances will do so for many months yet. It is here that we have discovered the payable ore referred to in an earlier part of this report, as being to the west

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